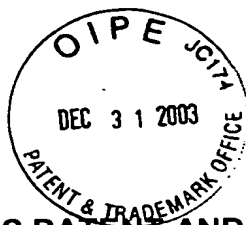


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**COMMUNICATION TO GROUP DIRECTOR**  
**FOR TECHNOLOGY GROUP 3600**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 31, 2003

Dear Group Director John Love:

A formal request for status on the above-referenced application was filed on August 18, 2003.

Because we did not receive a timely response to our status request, we further filed a Communication to SPE Vincent Millin on September 3, 2003 requesting his assistance in obtaining a response to our status request. A courtesy copy of this Communication is also attached.

We still have not received a response to our original status request filed on August 18, 2003. Additionally, we have had no reply to the follow on communication to the SPE filed on September 3, 2003.

Accordingly, we would appreciate your assistance in obtaining a prompt reply to our request for a status of the above-reference application.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding the above or the prior filings.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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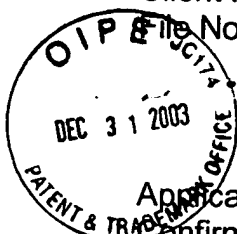
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September 3, 2003

Dear SPE Vincent Millin:

A formal request for status on the above-referenced application was filed on August 18, 2003.

We have yet to receive a response to our request. Accordingly, we would appreciate your assistance in ensuring prompt issuance of a response to our request.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding this communication or the previously submitted status request.

Respectfully submitted,

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